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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDERS, MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND  
DISTRICT COMMANDS, AND CHIEFS, OPERATIONS DIVISIONS

SUBJECT: Challenge Partnership Handshake Program - Fiscal Year 2011 Invitation for  
Proposals

1. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is committed to maintaining a partnership culture within our organization and recognizes that partnerships are a handshake, not a handout.
2. Now in its eighth year, the Challenge Partnership Handshake Program provides an incentive to Corps projects to use partnering authorities to their fullest potential and an opportunity to compete for additional "handshake" funding. These handshake funds serve as "seed money" to encourage local organizations to partner with the Corps. Corps projects are now invited to submit applications for FY 2011 handshake funds to support proposed Challenge Partnerships with non-Federal entities to accomplish activities benefitting recreation facilities and/or natural resources at their sites.
3. The Handshake Program application instructions and application form are enclosed. More information and the downloadable application form are located on the Natural Resources Management Gateway, <http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/employees/challenge/handshake.cfm>. Applications must coordinated with the District and MSC prior to submission and be received NLT 30 September 2010.
4. Please direct any questions to my POC, Mr. Michael Hosey, SAD Partnership Advisory Committee representative, at (919) 542-4501, extension 26.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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for MICHAEL G. ENSICH  
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